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the 35¢ but like I say, the way they're operating....going to operate under this registered feed lot law that it may become necessary to use it. And they want to have the opportunity that they can so that they don't have any greater deficit than it looks like they're going to have.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, I would go along with this \$50,000. The brand area covers approximately the west two-thirds of the state. I think there are 16 investigators at this time and they're beginning to cover the entire state and it takes a lot of driving. Up to now the brand committee has been running on their own without any extra money from the state. More cattle, in fact, more cattle are stolen in the eastern part of the state...east of the brand inspection line....than there are in the western part. Because those cattle over there are more or less in feed lots and pens and easy to get at and can be picked up by the truckload while those in the west there are more or less loose out on the range and they're hard to pick up. I...I think they could use this \$50,000 and if they see that their brand inspection fees are going to take up the slack, perhaps next year they might not need any of it.

PRESIDENT: That's all the list I have up here so I assume that we're ready to vote. Have you any....it's your amendment, Senator Carpenter, do you have anything to add in closing?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, first my interest in this bill is that I live in an area which has....heavily populated with livestock. I became concerned about this problem not this year but a year ago. I have told by the Secretary of State and others there's a considerable amount of theft in cattle within the State of Nebraska and that the brands are used to some extent to run them down. I've been told by the Secretary of State they don't have ample funds in order to do what they want to do in the area of curtailing or stopping the theft of livestock. I have been told by the Secretary of State and I have reason to believe him, that in the Sand Hills counties, some of the county attorneys act for the defendant, those who steal the cattle. And won't defend those who raise them and sell them. Now, that's a horrible thought if you stop to think about it. And if you have no place in order to get any redress, it's about time you appealed to the state in order to stop the stealing of your livestock. Now, if there's anybody here in that area that doesn't want this bill, I certainly don't want it. But I do think it will serve a good purpose and I do think if there are other bills than if which these people who are in this area want to have their...their dues or whatever you want to call....raise....that's fine with me. But I think the Secretary of State means it when he says I need some more money in order to curtail the theft of livestock. I believe him. I think that Mr. Beermann is a very competent qualified Secretary of State. I think he's done a better job in doing that than anybody I recall from my memory at this particular time. He's active, he's frugal, he has a great desire to stop this problem. Now if you people who raise cattle are not concerned about it and the people of Omaha and Lincoln are not, I don't know why we wanted to pass the amendment in the first place. If you want to apologize for having the